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Ms. June G. Walker
Executive Director
The President's Commission on
Executive Exchange
The White House
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Dear Ms. Walker:

As you know, we support the principle of the Presidential Executive Exchange program and believe it offers tangible benefits to both the U.S. Government and the private sector. Therefore, each year we have tried to devise arrangements suitable to both the intent of the program and the needs of the Exchange Executives. Unfortunately, because of the way we are organized and the constraints under which we must operate, this has proved difficult to impossible. Our front offices are very small (usually one special assistant) and operate with minimal compartmentation of even the most sensitive classified material. Even after full security screening, exposing an individual to that material for a relatively short period before he or she returns to the private sector is incompatible with our obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods. The alternative, assigning an Exchange Executive to a lower level or more narrow element of our business, is incompatible with the spirit of the program. For these reasons, we have reluctantly concluded that, in fairness to all concerned, it would be wise to discontinue our involvement in the program.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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